

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims, upon entry of the above amendment, are 1, 3, 5 to 9 and 11 to 16, with claim 14 non-elected.

The above amendment cancels claims directed to a polyurethane based flexible foam.

Restriction has been required, and in reply, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I i.e. claims 1 to 13, 15 and 16.

Group I, in view of the above amendment, now contains claims 1, 3, 5 to 9, 11 to 13, 15 and 16.

Election is made with traverse since the practical use for the elected invention is in the method of claim 14.

In any event, upon allowance of the claims of Group I, rejoinder with the non-elected method of claim 14 (MPEP § 821.04) is respectfully requested.

Further, election of species has been required and in reply, Applicants hereby elect the following single species:

As flexible foam:	polyvinyl alcohol
As phosphoric acid compound:	ammonium polyphosphate
As polyalcohol:	pentaerythritol
As polyamide:	trishydrazinotriazine

Applicants concede that a reference which is effective against any one of the above-elected species is also applicable against any of the other species.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the election of species requirement is respectfully requested.

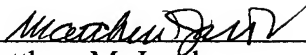
If the election of species requirement is not withdrawn in view of the above concession, then Applicants withdraw this concession.

Claims readable on the elected species are 1, 3, 5 to 9, 11 to 13, 15 and 16.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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